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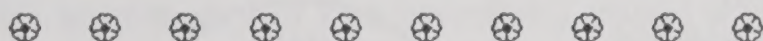
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President's Message

Elsewhere in this issue are comments on the life of the late Walter Loudon. It is left to those who knew him best. Our hearts are saddened by his unexpected death. I have to chastise myself for even using the word "unexpected". Here was a grand old man of *almost* 100 years of age, and his death *was* unexpected. When I last saw Walter (CNA, Montreal, 1996), he was sound of mind and seemed like he would go on forever. We've all met Walter at one time or another, either in person or through his many issues of wooden nickels. We cherish the memories he left us.



Just received word from Norm Boughton of Rochester, NY, that Fostoria '99 is on! In light of I.O.W.M.C.'s refusal to sponsor the event, Norm has taken on the task. The fact that there are no plans for a banquet or raffle as in previous years should not take away from its success. The 1997 show boasts the largest gathering of wooden money collectors ever! We've already made our reservations because, as many of you know, I knock myself out to be there!

Dates are March 27 and 28. It is held in conjunction with the Fostoria Coin Club and the location is the Saint Wendelin High School Gym on Rte. 199, a few blocks south of its previous location. As in the past, the Days Inn will host us. Call them direct at 1-419-435-6511 for reservations. Mention the "Wooden Money group" to get a special rate of \$42.38, two persons to a bed. Save the strife, bring your wife. Two-bed rooms are all booked.

Alternate hotel, Holiday Inn Express, is totally booked at around \$60.00 per night. Rooms may open up closer to date. Their number is 1-419-436-3600.

If you choose to rent a table, it's \$20.00, but let Norm Boughton know by March 15. His phone number is 1-716-292-5550. Exhibit space is free. There will be a peoples choice award to the exhibit most enjoyed by the public.

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NOMINATIONS FOR 1999 TO 2001 EXECUTIVE:

This is an election year for our association. It is an opportunity for you to consider how you can help the hobby and possibly allow your name to be put forward for an executive position. As indicated last month, the positions up for election are: President; Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman; and six members of the Board of Governors. **ENCLOSED** are **NOMINATION FORMS** for your use. Please note that **the person whom you nominate must sign the form** before it is submitted to the nomination chairman(myself-your editor). The reason for this is to ensure that the person being nominated, knows that he or she is being nominated and gives permission for their name to stand for that position. Note also that all nominations must be submitted by Saturday, April 17, 1999. This date coincides with the wooden money meeting planned for the annual Ontario Numismatic Association convention being held in Guelph, Ontario. If many nominations come in so that an election, for any office, must be held, it can take place, by mail, and be completed for the Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) convention which takes place in July 1999. We need everyone's involvement in order to keep our CAWMC hobby healthy. Let's try to get some new people involved. You can even nominate yourself. The greater your involvement, the more you'll enjoy your hobby.

CAWMC OFFICERS

President: LOU VESH
 Vice President: ALBERT KASMAN
 Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman: AL MUNRO
 Past President and Chairman of the Board of Governors: PAT WHITE
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 RUSSELL BROWN, WAYNE GILLCASH,
 DAVE GILLESPIE, DON ROBB.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Editor: ROSS KINGDON
 Fund Raiser: GARRY BRAUNWARTH
 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds

United States Residents- \$10.00 U.S. funds

International Members Rate (outside Can. & U.S.)-
 \$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'

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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



This month's free wood has just recently been made by our president, **Lou Vesh**. Lou has made more than enough for all our membership. The wood needs no explanation here, as Lou's article on page three, tells all. *Thank you Lou*, for this beautiful wood.

Members should remember, that if you want your free woods held each month to avoid the post office breakage, you should let your editor know and it will be done. Drop me a line.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH.....by Lou Vesh

Forty years ago February 20th fell on a Friday, "Black Friday" to some 36,000 Canadians. The decision to cancel production of the Avro Arrow had a far reaching effect, not only geographically, but also psychologically. That decision would reach into the future for more years than was ever anticipated at the time. To many like myself, the news was, in a true sense, unbelievable. Even when nearly the entire plant in which I worked was summoned for an official announcement just 15 minutes before quitting time and told not to return to work on Monday, it was like a bad dream. The shock and confusion made it hard to absorb the reality of the situation.

At that time I was employed by Lucas-Rotax in Scarborough who were manufacturing the fuel system for the engines which powered the CF-105, the "Arrow". Although some days I can't remember what I had for breakfast, the events of that Friday, forty years ago, are ones I shall never forget.

Since then, there have been numerous books, TV programs, and countless articles written about that historic plane. The decision to scrap the program was motivated more by politics than by economics. More than just the program was scrapped. All existing prototypes, plans, parts, everything associated with the Arrow, was destroyed with such thoroughness that a veil of mystery lingered over the whole incident. In spite of the many explanations and clarifications offered over the years, that mystery has prevailed to this day.

At the 25th anniversary of this occasion I issued a wooden nickel, (5907-015). It was black. Black as my memories of that day. Now, another 15 years have passed and I've lightened up a little.

This one is mostly black printing on natural wood. The plane is stamped in metallic blue simply to separate it from the printing (in reality, the plane was white), and a red maple leaf is added because of its Canadian origin. Shown at right, it will be distributed to members of CAWMC through Timber talk. It is this month's free wood.

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**1999 ONA CONVENTION****April 16, 17 & 18, 1999****College Inn, 716 Stone Rd., Guelph, Ontario**

**Bourse - Exhibits - Banquet - Educational Meetings
Club Delegates Meeting - Registrants Reception
General Membership Meeting - And Lots More**

COLLECTOR WALTER LOUDON DIES:

by Jerry Remick

On Jan. 20, 1999, collector Walter Loudon died of pneumonia at the Veterans Hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec (situated about twenty miles west of Montreal). Born on Jan. 30, 1899, Walter passed away just nine days before his 100th birthday.

Walter is buried in Montreal Memorial Park, next to his wife, who died in 1961. They had no children.

Walter spent his youth in Calgary and remembered the unpaved, dirt-covered streets and Calgary's first Rodeos. He was a collector of foreign and Canadian mint sets and single crown-size coins. Since the early 1980's, Walter issued many round wooden nickels, some of them relating to his activities in World War I, his regiment (Alberta-based 10th Infantry Battalion) and his branch of the Canadian Legion in Montreal.

Walter was an Honorary life member of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors. He also was a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Ontario Numismatic Association, the Regina Coin Club, the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors and several other national Canadian numismatic Associations and Societies.

Since 1983, Walter attended most CNA conventions, the 1996 Montreal convention being his last.

At sixteen, altering his age, Walter joined the Canadian Army's Alberta-based 10th Infantry Battalion. After arriving in France in 1916, he took part in the Battle of the Somme and later the Battle of Vimy Ridge, where he got part of his right ear shot off. He was later sent back to England where he trained soldiers. Walter left the army in the early 1920's with the rank of sergeant.

Walter was one of a small group of Canadian World War I veterans sent to France in Nov. 1998 to observe the 80th anniversary of Armistice Day.

Walter had a very keen memory of past events and people, especially of World War I. An article in the Nov. 9, 1998 issue of Maclean's magazine featured some quotes from Walter on his war experiences in France.

I have known Walter since 1983. His first love was his 'woods', which he thoroughly enjoyed giving out. Walter was a very kind, gentle and generous man.

MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS AND FLATS:

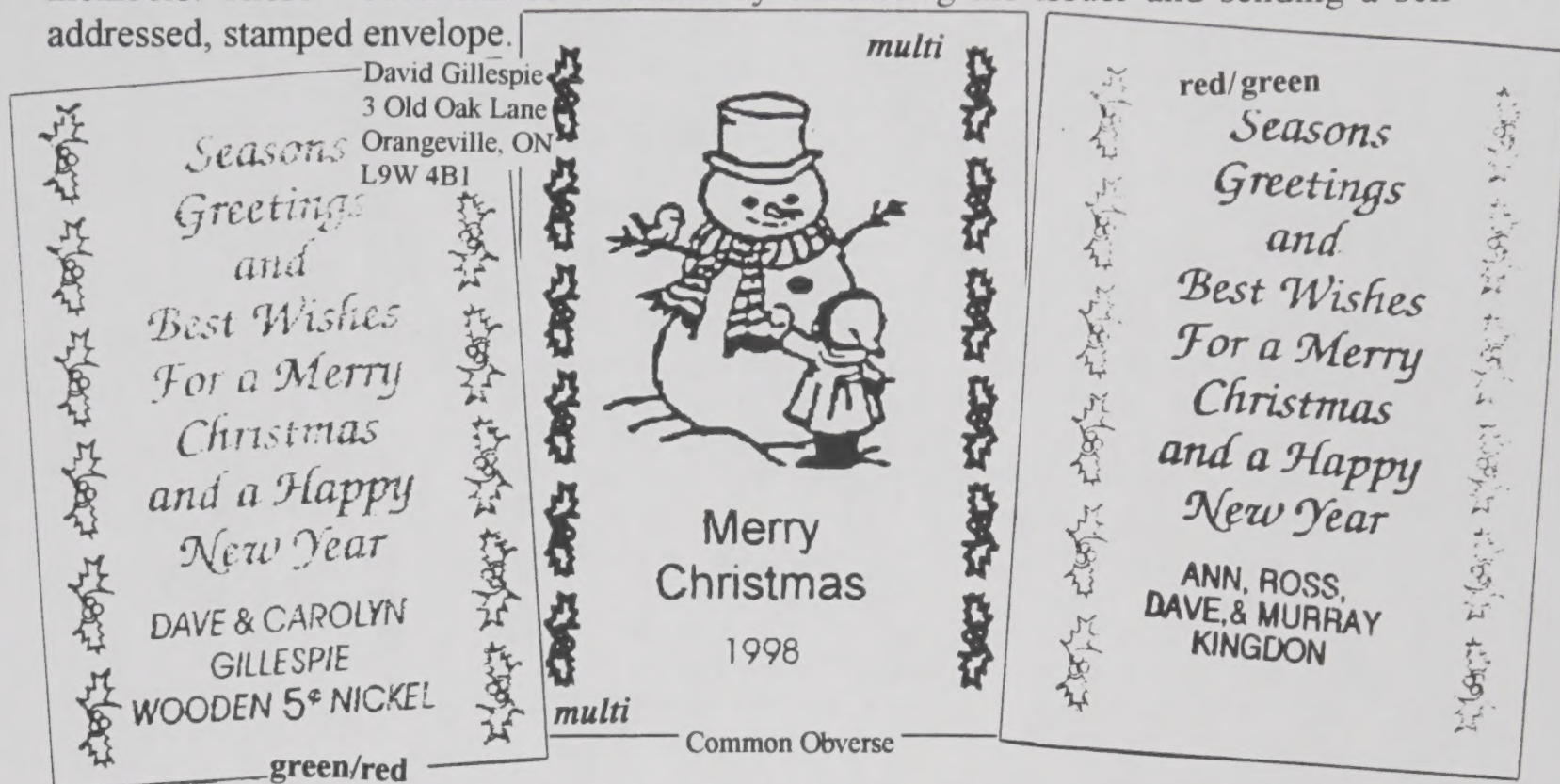
These will be coming to you in a future 'Timber Talk' mailing. Our membership chairman is currently preparing them for all renewed members.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 1999:

This is coming soon and information regarding it is elsewhere in this newsletter. The **Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC** always holds a **meeting** at this convention and will do so again this year. More information regarding this meeting will be in next month's 'Timber Talk'.

REMAINDER OF CHRISTMAS 1998 WOODS:

Shown here are the remainder of the Christmas 1998 woods sent to me by CAWMC members. These woods can be obtained by contacting the issuer and sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



CAWMC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

Al Munro, our membership chairman, informs me that there are only a very few of our present members who have not yet renewed their membership in 'Timber Talk' for 1999. CAWMC gives a three month "grace" period to our previous year's members before we delete names from our active mailing list. If you are one of the few who have not yet renewed your subscription, ***please be reminded that this March issue will be your last if you don't soon renew.*** We want to keep all of our members, so please mail off the enclosed renewal form to Al now.

1999 ONA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

QTY.	FUNCTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Main Registration <i>(Includes registration kit, gold-plate souvenir convention medal, admission to Registrants Reception with 2 complimentary drinks, unlimited complimentary visits to Hospitality Suite, admission to bourse, souvenir program booklet, Dream Vacation draw ticket, hourly draw ticket, "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues, "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of First World War Canadian Corps Badges" and more.)</i>	\$35.00	_____
_____	Spousal "Add-On" Registration (a family member must be Main Registered) <i>(Includes all of above with the exception of the gold-plate souvenir convention medal; also includes special items not found in the main registration kit such as "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Country Store Collectables" and "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Wade Decorative Ware.")</i>	20.00	_____
_____	Young Numismatist Registration <i>(Includes everything in the main registration kit with the exception of the gold-plate souvenir convention medal, complimentary drink tickets and the Canadian Corps Badges catalogue; includes special items not found in the other kits, including 2 hourly draw tickets and special YN registrant's draw ticket. It will include "The Charlton Canadian Numismatic Library" CD containing the Canadian Coins and Government Paper Money catalogues.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Additional Reception tickets (Friday 9:00 p.m.) <i>(Although a ticket for the Reception is included with the Main and Spousal registration kits, anyone not registered must purchase a ticket. Includes admission, coffee, snacks and 2 complimentary drinks.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Tour of McCrae House Museum and the University's Art Gallery <i>(Includes transportation, admission, tea and scones, special audio visual slide presentation by a curator from the Museum.)</i>	10.00	_____
_____	Banquet (Saturday 6:30 p.m. cash bar; 7:00 p.m. dinner) <i>(Includes full-course dinner and draw prize ticket; all banquet ticket holders will be invited to a special "President's Reception" immediately following the conclusion of the Banquet.)</i>	30.00	_____
_____	Dream Vacation Draw tickets (buy 5, get 1 free)	2.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - bronze (only 50 struck)	10.00	_____
_____	Official souvenir convention medals - .999 Sterling silver (only 35 struck) .. <i>(Note that gold-plate convention medals are not available for sale - they are only included with the Main Registrations.)</i>	35.00	_____
	Shipping Charges: If it is not your plan to attend the Convention in person and you wish us to mail your souvenir convention medals following the Convention, please add shipping/handling and registration for order	5.00	_____
	Alternatively, you may authorize us to turn over your order to someone you know is attending the convention and thereby save the shipping/registration charges: Please turn my order over to: _____		_____
	TOTAL (please make cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention)	\$	_____

If you have been appointed as a Delegate by a club, name club: _____

Please complete this form and return it, along with a cheque payable to the 1999 ONA Convention, to:

1999 ONA Convention, Attn: Bruce Raszmann, Registration Chairman and Treasurer
P.O. Box 40033, Waterloo Square P.O., 75 King St. S., Waterloo, Ont. N2J 4V1